



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
(Case No. 00-1272-C)

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| In re Application of:      | ) |                       |
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| Chad A. Mirkin, et al.     | ) |                       |
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| Serial No.: 10/008,978     | ) | Examiner: J. Riley    |
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| Filed: December 7, 2001    | ) | Art Unit: 1637        |
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| For: NANOPARTICLES HAVING  | ) | Confirmation No. 5877 |
| OLIGONUCLEOTIDES ATTACHED  | ) |                       |
| THERE TO AND USES THEREFOR | ) |                       |

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office action dated May 29, 2003. A Petition for an extension of time (three months) and requisite fee are attached herewith. Please amend this application as shown below.